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WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

announces

PROMOTION EXAMINATION

for

INVESTIGATOR

STATE NO. 71031

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED TO: APRIL 27, 2016

LOCAL NO. 2010

EXAMINATION WILL BE HELD: JUNE 4, 2016

LOCATION/VACANCIES: This examination is being held to establish an eligible list to be used as vacancies occur in the Warren County Sheriff's Office.

SALARY: \$41,304

DUTIES: (illustrative only)

- Investigates felony level criminal cases;
- Investigates homicides, suicides and accidental death cases;
- Responds to and preserves crime scenes, and collects physical evidence for later examination by forensic professionals;
- Prepares written documentation of the recovery and retention of physical evidence;
- Interviews victims and witnesses to obtain information on crimes under investigation;
- Interrogates suspects to obtain information on crimes under investigation;
- Takes latent fingerprints and [photographs];
- Measures and sketches crime scenes;
- Prepares reports, takes statements, and prepares legal documentation;
- Obtains search warrants to obtain evidence;
- Maintains liaison with other criminal justices offices and law enforcement agencies;
- Conduct background investigations for government employment;
- Conducts surveillance and undercover work of property and persons;
- Apprehends and arrests persons suspected of having committed a crime;
- Arranges for identification of suspects in criminal cases through show-ups and lineups;
- Is on call for notification of incidents and cases where the services of an investigator may be needed;
- Attends advanced training as directed;
- Attends forensic and post-mortem examinations in death cases;
- Works under the immediate supervision of an Investigative Sergeant.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: (see general instructions and information)

Candidates must have served at least 5 years on a permanent basis in the competitive class as a Warren County Patrol Officer or similar position in a New York State law enforcement agency, with the three years immediately preceding the exam in the position of Warren County Patrol Officer.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: Written test will cover knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in such areas as:

1. Evaluating information and evidence
2. Investigative techniques and criminalistics
3. New York State Laws
4. Understanding and interpreting written material
5. Preparing written material in a police setting

P. E. R. C. Statement

The final rating key for this examination will be established by the State Civil Service Commission prior to the testing date, upon recommendation of a committee of police experts who will review all the questions for appropriateness and accuracy. There will be no review of the questions by candidates. The committee was selected with the assistance and endorsement of the Police Conference of New York, Inc., the New York State Association of PBAs, Inc., and the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc.

NOTE: Use of calculators is **PROHIBITED**. Devices with typewriter keyboards, Spell Checkers, Personal Digital Assistants, Address Books, Language Translators, Dictionaries, or any similar devices are **PROHIBITED**. NO books or reference material will be allowed into the examination site. Cell phones are **PROHIBITED**.

NOTE: An expanded description of the subjects of the examination is available for review upon request from the Warren County Department of Civil Service. A Guide for the Written Test for Police Supervisors/Investigators is available at the New York State website: www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm Candidates not having access to a computer or the internet may request copy of the test guide from Warren County Civil Service.

SENIORITY: Points will be added to a passing score as follows:

Less than 1 year.....0 points
1 year up to 6 years.....1 point
Over 6 years up to 11 years.....2 points
Over 11 years up to 16 years.....3 points
Over 16 years up to 21 years.....4 points
Over 21 years up to 26 years.....5 points

HOW TO APPLY: Applications and information may be obtained from the Warren County Department of Civil Service, or from the web site: www.warrencountyny.gov/civilservice We will only accept applications during the examination posting period. Because of the imposition of an application fee, it is no longer possible to accept applications other than during the scheduled period. Time and place of the examination will be mailed, to candidates whose application has been approved, one week before examination date. You are responsible for completing **ALL** sections of the official application. To receive credit for experience on a job, basic information such as address, name and title of supervisor, hours in the workweek, final salary, etc. must be shown. Ambiguity and vagueness **WILL NOT** be resolved in your favor.

APPLICATION FEE: New York State Civil Service Law requires our Office to collect an examination fee. To be considered for this examination, you must enclose with your completed application the appropriate fee. **CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY** must be payable to **WARREN COUNTY TREASURER. DO NOT SEND CASH. YOU MUST LIST THE EXAM NUMBER ON THE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.** You are responsible for comparing your qualifications with the minimum qualifications posted on this examination announcement. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS** if your application is disapproved.

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement.**

Saturday Sabbath Observers – Physically Challenged Individuals – Active Military Members: Applicants whose religious beliefs or military service prevent their taking examinations on the scheduled date and physically-challenged candidates who require special accommodations to take the test should indicate the need for special arrangements on their Application. Candidates who are called to military service after filing an Application should send requests for an alternate test date to our Office as soon as possible before the test date. Military Service Members who apply for an examination during the filing period but are on active military duty on the date the examination is scheduled may request a military make-up examination. If you are on active duty or discharged after the filing period has begun, you may apply for the examination up to ten days before the test date.

NOTE: In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

NOTE: Veterans or disabled veterans who may be eligible for additional credits must check the appropriate areas on the application and submit a copy of their Form DD-214 with the completed application for examination. This information may be submitted at any time between the date of application for examination and the date of the establishment of the eligible list. Applications and information for veterans credit s may be obtained at the Warren County Department of Civil Service.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. Positive identification will be required at the test site.
2. Falsification of any part of the "Application for Employment" will result in disqualification.
3. Applicants must answer every question on the application form and make sure that the application is complete in regard to meeting the minimum qualifications for this examination. There will be no refund of the application fee should your application be disapproved.
4. Where a degree is required for minimum qualification, **DO NOT SEND TRANSCRIPTS UNLESS REQUIRED ON THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.**
5. Appointments from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept appointment. All eligible lists will be established for a maximum of four years or the establishment of a new list. It is probable that a number of titles will have an insufficient number of candidates and examinations for these titles will be held on a more regular basis with eligible lists being replaced within the four-year period. Candidates are advised to review our examination postings at our web site: www.warrencountyny.gov/civilservice Probable examination series, which would have more frequent examination, include but are not limited to: clerical, accounting, social services, and uniformed services. It is strongly recommended that all potential applicants continuously review postings on our web site. Candidates will NOT be notified should eligible lists expire within the four-year period.
6. It is the responsibility of the candidate to notify the Warren County Department of Civil Service of any change in name and/or address. No attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved.
7. The passing grade for this examination is 70. Background checks may be required for appointment.
8. The salary of this position is subject to change from time to time, or may be different in agencies serviced by the Warren County Department of Civil Service; vacancies may, therefore, be filled at a higher or lower salary than the one announced.

NOTE: If you have applied with any other local Civil Service agency for any other examination held on the same day, you must make arrangements with each agency to take all your examinations at one test site no later than two weeks before the test date. If you have applied for both State and Local examinations, you must make arrangements with this agency to take all your examinations at a State examination center no later than two weeks before the test date if you have questions please contact Warren County Civil Service at (518) 761-6440.

This written test is being prepared and rated by the N.Y.S. Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the N.Y.S. Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to this exam.

ISSUED: MARCH 29, 2016

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